



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Belle Hall Elementary
Charleston
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 718
Principal: Kevin Conklin
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

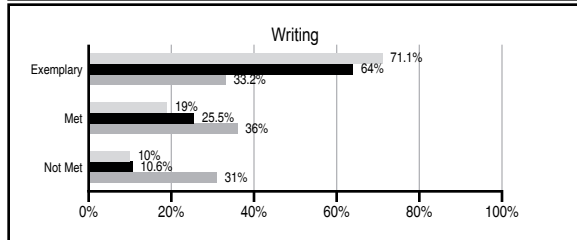
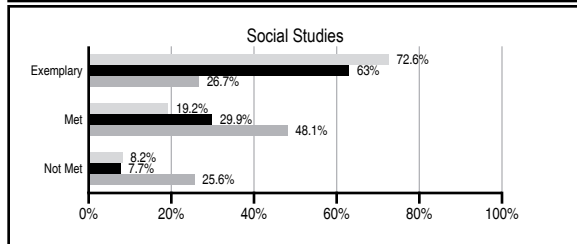
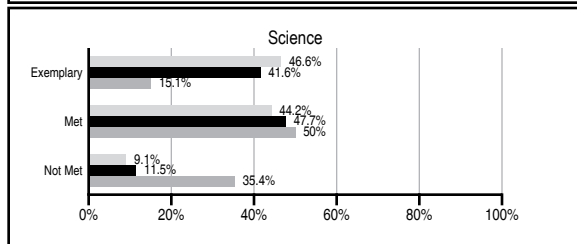
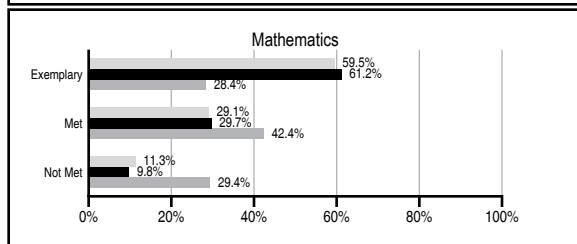
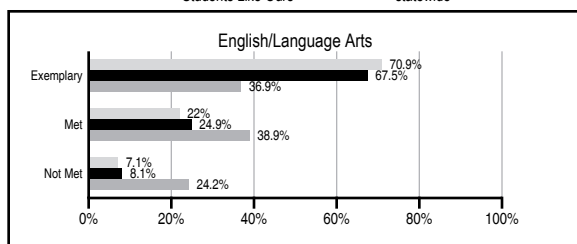
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=718)				
Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 1.3%	0.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.0%	97.1%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	30.2%	Down from 35.6%	29.9%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.8%	Up from 5.2%	4.7%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.5%	0.1%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.7%	Up from 59.3%	66.0%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	96.1%	Up from 87.0%	87.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Up from 90.5%	84.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	No Change	95.5%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,929	Up 6.4%	\$50,906	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.2 days	Down from 6.8 days	9.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 10.0	7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Up from 19.8 to 1	20.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	No Change	91.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	Down from Yes	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,485	Down 4.1%	\$6,781	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.8%	Down from 75.9%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.5%	Up from 57.9%	64.9%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	87	65
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.2%	96.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.3%	96.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	96.6%	93.8%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This report card data reflects PACT results and School Climate Surveys of parents and students in grade five for the spring of 2009. Belle Hall Elementary (BHE) is proud of the students' performance and achievement on the PACT. We continue to place academics and student achievement as priorities especially as we transition to the new Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) exam. The school provides a safe and nurturing environment promoting character development through regularly scheduled guidance classes. Our curriculum is rigorous with challenging activities for developing students. Belle Hall is a successful school that benefits from the hard work and determination of our students, teachers, parents, staff and community. BHE received the 2008 Palmetto Gold Award, which is based on exemplary student achievement. This is our eighth consecutive year for this distinction. Thank you to everyone who supported us in pursuit of these goals!

Belle Hall Elementary's mission is to develop skilled, respected, independent seekers of knowledge by providing a rich, diverse, and challenging curriculum. The school's ethnically diverse population of 737 students in Child Development through the 5th grade has an enrollment of 80% white and 20% non-white students. Instructional programs include various special education services, Gifted and Talented, fine arts, technology, guidance, Accelerated Reader, chorus, handbells, and regular intervention groups for students needing academic assistance. Students may also participate in swimming and basketball among other extracurricular activities. Students in 2nd through 5th grades may qualify for the Gifted and Talented program. This year 32% of our children participated in this program. Efforts are consistently made to provide additional resources to classrooms with increasing student-teacher ratios. In 2008-09, average class sizes were 22:1 in kindergarten, 18:1 in first grade and about 23:1 in the upper grades. Teacher turnover is rare at Belle Hall and greater than 4 out of 5 teachers hold a Master's Degree or above. Belle Hall teachers currently average 20 years of teaching experience, with four holding National Board Certification. Adequate time for teacher planning and training remains a challenge to meeting the needs of students.

The Belle Hall journey to support all children and enable them to be successful, fulfilled learners continues.

Kevin Conklin, Principal
Trisha Newitt, 2008-09 SIC Chair

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